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Sir:

Petitioner, SanDisk Corporation, a Delaware corporation having a place of business at 140 Caspian Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94089, is the owner of the entire interest in the instant application. Petitioner hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the grant of any patent granted on pending second Application Number 10/025,749, filed on December 18, 2001. Petitioner hereby agrees

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In compliance with 37 C.F.R.§1.20(d), the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$130 to Deposit Account No. 502664 for this Terminal Disclaimer as set forth in the enclosed transmittal letter.

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